

After spending money like it is going out of style on content like Howard Stern for ½ a billion dollars plus bonus money, Sirius feels that the only way they can survive is to merge with the only competition they have in the satellite radio market.

The claims that they compete with terrestrial radio are just not right. I have not found 1 station that I can listen to coast to coast like I can with XM and Sirius. If these companies are allowed to merge they should be required to return the spectrum to the people of the United States for one of these licenses that they have.

If Sirius has enough excess bandwidth to run video channels on their spectrum they don't need to have even more spectrum. They were licensed to offer radio services not video services. If they need more bandwidth they should cut back on uses that they were not licensed for (video, parking, weather, stock quotes).

As for the chance that they will not survive if not allowed to control the entire market for satellite radio I have not yet seen them try and find other companies that may be interested in entering the market. Perhaps Microsoft, Apple or Clear Channel would be interested in getting into Satellite radio. If one company holds the entire spectrum for this service they will lock out other well funded companies from being able to offer services.

Satellite radio is a very new product and has a lot of growing and changing to do yet. If one company is allowed to hold all the spectrum there will be no more need for innovation. The American people will be the ones that suffer. This could become a wonderful product as it evolves but once there is no competition the product will stagnate.

Thank you for your time.

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